

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2219 - SB 2358**

February 16, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Revises the lottery implementation law by including funds for compulsive gambling and treatment as operating expenses of the corporation and directs a portion of unclaimed prize money not to exceed \$200,000 annually to the Department of Mental Health and Development Disabilities for compulsive gambling education and treatment.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**State Expenditures - Prevents Expenditures of \$100,000 for After-School Programs**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$200,000 Earmarked from Unclaimed Lottery Prize Money**

**Other Fiscal Impact - A reduction in funds available for lottery scholarships estimated to exceed \$100,000**

Estimate assumes:

- Under current law, 50% of unclaimed prize money goes to after-school programs. One-half of the \$200,000 earmarked in the bill for compulsive gambling and treatment would have gone to after-school programs in the absence of the bill.
- An appropriation of \$200,000 to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for compulsive gambling disorders from unclaimed lottery prize money.
- Any unclaimed prize money that is not placed in a pool for future lottery prizes is estimated to result in a loss of funds available for either administrative functions (i.e. marketing), or less funds available for lottery scholarships. Any reduction in additional funds that would not be available for lottery scholarships from passage of this bill would depend on future actions taken by the Lottery Corporation concerning the level of administrative expenses. However, the reduction in funds available for lottery scholarships is estimated to exceed \$100,000 annually.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director